

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application

Inventor(s): Steve Mitchell  
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SACRUM IMPLANT AND METHOD

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**Customer No. 23910**

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2007. The Examiner is thanked for conducting an interview with the Applicant on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 10:30 AM PST.

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